Summary of Proposed Ordinance Relating to Zoning, Site Alteration and Critical Areas

This summary applies to the proposed Critical Areas Ordinance dated December 10, 2002, and fulfills the state Growth Management Act and King County Code 20.18.100 requirement for a "plain language" summary.

Some of these changes were included in proposed ordinances that were transmitted to the King County Council but not adopted. These items are noted using the following abbreviations:

SAO: The proposed amendments to the Sensitive Areas Ordinance, King County Code (K.C.C.) chapter 21A.24 pending at council (Proposed Ordinance 1999-0353).

SALT: The proposed Site Alteration Code pending at council (Proposed Ordinance 2000-0525). This is a proposed update to the Clearing and Grading Code.

Amendments to K.C.C. chapter 21A.14, "Development Standards - Design Requirements"

Section 1 -- Lot segregations - clustered development. (*K.C.C. 21A.14.040*) Gives director discretion in rural areas (RA zone) to allow smaller lots in a cluster, or to allow more lots to be served by a single cul-de-sac, if the property is encumbered by critical areas for ESA-listed species. Also revised to update terminology used for critical areas.

Section 2 -- On site recreation - space required. (*K.C.C. 21A.14.180*) Revised to update terminology used for drainage facilities. [SAO Section 79]